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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BLOOD SAMPLES OF MOSCOW RESIDENTS

1. FOLLOWING UP ON DISCUSSIONS WITH M/MED AND EUR/SOV IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, SCIENCE COUNSELOR DURING INTRODUCTORY MEETING SEPT 27 WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH VENEDIKTOV MADE A LOW KEYED INQUIRY ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF SOVIET BLOOD SAMPLES.

2. VENEDIKTOV WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION IN DETAIL, HOWEVER HE DID VOLUNTEER THE INFORMATION THAT INSTITUTES IN BOTH LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW COLLECT DATA AND POSSIBLY SAMPLES THAT SHOULD , AT LEAST PARTIALLY, CORRESPOND TO US NEEDS. AS A FIRST STEP, VENEDIKTOV SUGGESTED THAT WE SEND HIM ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION, IN PARTICULAR, WHAT CHANGES IN THE US BLOOD SAMPLES HAVE BEEN DETECTED. HE ADDED THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE MFA SHOULD WE DECIDE TO PERSUE THIS MATTER, SINCE THE MFA "IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN MOSCOW".

3. COMMENT: WE THINK IT SIGNIFICANT THAT VENEDIKTOV ADMITTED THAT THE MATERIAL THE US IS SEEKING MAY BE AVAILABLE, AND THAT OUR REQUEST FOR THIS MATERIAL NEED NOT GO THROUGH THE MFA,BUT ONLY THAT THE MFA BE KEPT INFORMED. ALL IN ALL, IT IS NOT AN UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT.

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RM ACTION: AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION, M/MED

SHOULD PROVIDE BY CABLE THE APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
FOR A QUICK FOLLOW-UP WITH VENEDIKTOV.
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